



National Night Out is a national event in which neighborhood watch groups demonstrate their support for police/community partnerships by giving crime a going away party. Neighborhood Watch groups across the country host these events each year on the first Tuesday in August.

On August 1, 2006, Chief Lavinder, his administrative staff, along with County Administrator Mr. Elmer Hodge and police officers in their districts, attended the 2006 National Night Out events across the County. These events ranged from cookouts and block parties to ice cream socials.

The following communities celebrated the 2006 National Night Out with an event: Glen Cove, Sun Valley, Woodlands, Mt. Pleasant, Georgetown Park, and Mayflower Hills.

Many communities have voiced their opinion that National Night Out helps revitalize their neighborhood spirit. If you are interested in cele-

brating National Night Out in your community, please contact the Community Policing Coordinator at (540) 777-8651.



Citizen Police Academy

The purpose of the Citizen Police Academy is to educate citizens on police practices and procedures. The Roanoke County Citizen Police Academy was the first such program in Southwest Virginia. The Citizen Police Academy meets for three hours, one night a week for thirteen weeks.

If you are interested in attending the Citizen Police Academy, please call the Community Policing Coordinator at (540) 777-8644 or e-mail rcrosier@roanokecountyva.gov.



Topics include:

- K-9 Demonstration
- Crime Scene Investigation
- CALEA Accreditation
- Recruitment and selection process
- Polygraph
- Animal Control
- RADAR
- Mock Traffic Stops
- School Resource Officer Program
- DUI Testing and Prosecution
- Firearms Range—Participants are allowed to fire police issued weapons at the Roanoke Regional Firearms Range
- Driving Range—Participants are allowed to drive a police car through a series of low speed cone courses at the Laurel Mountain Police Driving Center
- Ride Along Program—Participants are given the opportunity to ride with a police officer during their shift